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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FACILITIES AND RESOURCES PLAN FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the short-term and long-term needs of persons with  
3 intellectual disability. The task force shall (1) examine alternative  
4 underutilized resources, including, but not limited to, nursing homes  
5 and rehabilitation centers, that may be repurposed to meet such needs,  
6 and (2) develop a state-wide facilities and resources plan designed to  
7 meet such needs.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
10 one of whom has expertise in the diagnosis, care and treatment of  
11 persons with intellectual disability and one of whom has expertise in  
12 the provision of residential services to persons with intellectual  
13 disability;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
15 of whom has expertise in the provision of day services for persons  
16 with intellectual disability and one of whom has expertise in the  
17 provision of program support services to persons with intellectual  
18 disability;

19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives, who is the parent, guardian or relative of a person  
21 with intellectual disability who has high-level needs;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is the  
23 parent, guardian or relative of a person with intellectual disability;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives, who is the parent, guardian or relative of a person  
26 with intellectual disability;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is the  
28 parent, guardian or relative of a person with intellectual disability who  
29 has high-level needs;

30 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
32 relating to public health, or their designees;

33 (8) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the  
34 commissioner's designee; and

35 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
36 secretary's designee.

37 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
38 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
39 member of the General Assembly.

40 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
41 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
42 filled by the appointing authority.

43 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
44 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
45 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
46 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
47 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

48 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
50 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

51 (g) Not later than January 1, 2019, the task force shall submit a  
52 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
53 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
54 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section  
55 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
56 that it submits such report or January 1, 2019, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to develop a facility and resource plan to meet the needs of persons with intellectual disability.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*